

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

Date of Meeting: December 5, 2005

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Commissioners Present: Burrill, Krommenhock, McGuire, Munzel, Sandhu, Serena and Tuason

Commissioners Excused: Gray
Commissioners Absent: Ku

City Council Liaison Excused: Vice Mayor Gomez

City Staff Present: Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor; Salia Lopa, Recording Secretary

IV. Alternates Alternates were not seated

V. Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda for December 5, 2005, as submitted.
M/S: Tuason/McGuire
Ayes: (7) Burrill, Krommenhock, McGuire, Munzel, Sandhu, Serena and Tuason.
Excused: (2) Gray and Ku

VI. Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2005 meeting
M/S: McGuire/Krommenhock
All Ayes
Excused: (2) Gray and Ku
Abstention: (1) Sandhu- absent at the meeting.

VII. Citizens Forum

Martin McKeefrey, 2070 Stratford Drive, Milpitas, a Youth Sports Grant recipient received a grant for \$500 at the November 7, 2005 PRCRC meeting. Martin won 1st place out of 40 other drivers from all over the world in the 9th Annual RACEeiver Legends Car and Thunder Roadster Course World Finals in Sonoma, California. Martin shared his trophy and then took a picture with the Commission. Martin thanked the Commission for all of their help. Pictures of Martin and the Commission are attached.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, made the following announcements:

- Tree Lighting Ceremony and Community Sing Along was held on Thursday, December 1, 2005.
- Milpitas Rainbow Singers Concert, Friday, December 9, 2005, at 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Admission is free.
- Milk & Cookies with Santa, Saturday, December 10, 2005. Two sessions will be held at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the Community Center.
- Senior Center's Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance, Sunday, December 11, 2005 from 2:00 5:00 PM at the Community Center.
- Rainbow Theatre's performance of "A Christmas Carol" will be held on
Thursday December 15 at 7:30 PM
Friday December 16 at 7:30 PM
Saturday December 17 at 7:30 PM
Sunday December 18 at 3:00 PM

Tickets prices are \$6 chair seating
\$4 floor seating

Tickets are currently on sale at the Community Center

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

1. Youth Sports Grant Request (Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor)

On September 20, 2005, the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$8,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2005-2006-budget year. Included in the Commission's packet for review and consideration are one (1) Individual and one (1) Organizational Youth Sports grant application:

One (1) Individual Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from **A.J. Almaraz, requesting \$500.00** to offset travel expense costs to attend a national invitation only "TourneySport" baseball tournament held in Oahu, Hawaii from December 28, 2005 to January 5, 2006.

This individual application falls within the guidelines, under section, "Funding consideration will be given", item #4 states; "As an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, hence additional expenses."

AJ Almaraz was in attendance to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Serena stated that he has known AJ Almaraz since he played in Milpitas South and he could not think of a better person to represent Milpitas. Commissioner Tuason asked AJ Almaraz what is the name of his team and how many members are on the team. AJ Almaraz responded that he is not going with a team, he is going with 200 kids who were selected from the United States to compete in Honolulu, Hawaii. Commissioner Tuason asked if the \$500 grant is

going towards airfare and accommodations. AJ Almaraz responded yes, it is for airfare and lodging. Mike Greer, Milpitas Little League North stated that AJ Almaraz was playing on Milpitas High School's Varsity Baseball team when he was only 16 years old. Mike Greer stated that there were 2,000 students nominated in the United States and of those 2,000 students 200 were selected to attend the tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mike Greer added AJ Almaraz has played in the Nationals in Oregon and is a wonderful standout athlete.

MOTION to approve funding of \$500 to AJ Almaraz to offset travel expense costs to attend a national invitation only "TourneySport" baseball tournament held in Oahu, Hawaii from December 28, 2005 to January 5, 2006.

M/S: McGuire/Serena

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Gray and Ku

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from **Milpitas North Little League, requesting \$1,000.00** to offset the cost of purchasing one set of safety bases for \$400.00 and \$600.00 to provide seven to eight eligible Milpitas youth scholarships for the 2005-06 Little League season.

This organizational application meets the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, "Acceptable Funding consideration will be given, page 2 item #3 states; "To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance".

Mike Greer was in attendance to answer any questions of the Commission.

MOTION to approve funding of \$1,000 to offset the cost of purchasing one set of safety bases for \$400.00 and \$600.00 to provide seven to eight eligible Milpitas youth scholarships for the 2005-06 Little League season.

M/S: Burrill/Sandhu

Ayes: (6) Burrill, Krommenhock, McGuire, Munzel, Sandhu, Tuason,

Absent: (2) Gray and Ku

Abstention: (1) Serena

2. Commission Work Plan for 2006 (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

Included in the Commission's packet was a copy of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission 2004 Work Plan. Chairperson Munzel defined short-term goals, long-term goals and ongoing tasks to new commissioners.

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager recommended removing Art in the Park from their upcoming work plan, since there is an Arts Commission and PAC (Public Art Committee). Bonnie Greiner also recommended to add the No Smoking In Parks Discussion to the 2006 Work Plan, since there has already been work on this issue, it would be great to see it all the way through.

Chairperson Munzel suggested looking into possibly starting a Youth Recreation Fund that local businesses could donate money towards helping youth in the community, giving them the opportunity to enroll for classes or join athletic leagues. Chairperson Munzel added that he's sure that local businesses would love to help in any way they can. Commissioner Serena agreed that this is a great idea and he would love to be part of this program.

Commissioner Burrill suggested having the Penitencia Creek Trail opened, since it is currently fenced off and there are many people that would be interested in using the trail. Mark Rogge,

Principal Engineer informed the Commission that the Penitencia Creek Trail is scheduled to open in Spring 2006. Bonnie Greiner informed the Commission that Berryessa Creek Trail, which is near Gill Park behind Mervyn's recently opened. Commissioner Krommenhock suggested walking one of the trails in Milpitas in June, instead of touring the parks. Commissioner Burrill suggested having historical markers at all the parks in Milpitas, explaining the significance of the name of the park. Bonnie Greiner asked the Commission to think about more goals to be added to the work plan and we will re-agendize the work plan for the January meeting.

3. Receive Progress Report on Library (Mark Rogge, Principal Engineer)

Mark Rogge, Principal Engineer, provided the Commission an update on the library project. All additions made to the building will respect and honor the historical building. The main sign of the library will read "Milpitas Public Library" and will be the exact font and size of the original Grammar School sign. Many original photos have been collected and will be used to re-create all original structure. There are plans to have palms/symmetrical lawn in front of the historical building, along with an opportunity for a landscape sculpture.

The new library will have a four-story parking garage, which will accommodate 281 parking spaces. Each floor will have different themes and colors. The ground floor is going to be the historical floor with a montage of historical photos, along with a historical timeline and a wall of historical brandings. The theme for the second floor is knowledge, the third floor is technology and energy, and the fourth floor air, light and environment. Staff is also looking into incorporating huge super graphics of pictures along the stairwells to view as you go up each floor. This will look very dramatic with light at the top of the stairwell shining down on the graphics. Being that this is an open garage it will get the most amount of light and ventilation and there will also be great views of the foothills from the second and third floor.

Four bids were received for hazardous material abatements of buildings and demolition of buildings as well as beginning select demolition of the grammar school. These four bids will be presented verbally to the City Council on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. The first step after City Council reviews will be to evaluate hazardous materials found on the ground level. Staff is currently working with the Building Department to determine if the City can access the tank house, which is currently located on Winsor, this is also included in the bids that will be presented to City Council.

Commissioner Serena asked Mark Rogge what are the future plans from Carlo Street to the Dutra Home. Mark Rogge responded that there would be upgrading of utilities and streetscapes up to the end of the library. There are still no specific plans, but they would like to build as much as they can afford providing funds allow for these plans. Commissioner Burrill asked what is the status of the house next to the Blacksmith Shop. Mark Rogge responded the house is in terrible condition and is in an unsafe location. Chairperson Munzel added there is termite damage to the home.

Recommendation: Note, receipt file.

XI. Staff Reports

None.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

None.

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

None.

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

None.

4. Planning Commission

Commission currently discussing Hillview Drive/Town Center Drive traffic issue, traffic flow is congested in that area. KB Home Models will be built with a certain number of parking spaces. Prior to building permit issuance for the model home complex, the applicant shall submit details of the revised temporary overflow parking for review and approval.

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

Commission came up with goals for 2006. The Commissioners will participate in more City Events, particularly youth events. Designing bookmark for Alcohol Awareness. Youth Forum open discussion on all issues. Work on more available Fundraising issues. Advertise Teen related issues on Channel 15.

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Next meeting is scheduled the second week in January, a speaker will be present at the meeting to discuss finishing the Calaveras Reservoir, doubling the capacity and reconstructing the dam.

7. Arts Commission

A new Public Arts Committee (PAC) will be meeting on a bi-monthly basis. Working on determining City's interest in a Performing Art Center, will get input from the City to see what the interest level is.

8. Video Sub-Committee

Presented video of the renovation at Selwyn Park, with wonderful background music by Michelle Mountain.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Election of Officers- January
- Work Plan for 2006

XIV. Adjournment

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM to the next scheduled meeting on January 9, 2006, at the Milpitas Community Center Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted: Salia Lopa, Recording Secretary